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A couple of things come to mind when reviewing the Northcoast section.

In general, I think it would be useful to divide "environmental" water into separate categories. Let's distinguish what water goes to the environment as a matter of law/regulation and what "additional" water goes to the environment as a matter of hydrology. For our alternatives with additional environmental water (as requested by a number of AC members), the "law/regulations" category might include also this extra (potentially) required water that meets identified environmental objectives (by FWS, e.g.). Perhaps we also should include a category for purchases (e.g. EWA, VAMP etc.).

On wild and scenic, "additional" would be zero as all flow is required in the relevant reaches of the W&S Rivers. On other rivers, there would be more categories. Note that in past bulletins, required Delta outflow has been called environmental water and additional flow has been called "surplus". I don't especially mind the word "surplus" (though it seems to imply "unneeded" by the environment rather than unneeded by the law), but since this water is going to the environment, let us label it as such even if it is not required by law.

The balance sheet does not appear to show basin outflows. I am mainly thinking of the Trinity. I do see "regional transfer out" on the flow diagram (e.g. 863.4 in 1998), which I assume is at least mostly the Trinity. Should not this value be somewhere in the water balance? Perhaps it is but I can't find it. Going back to my first point, in both the 1998 and 2000 the Trinity received flows in addition to the legally mandated 340 TAF due to reservoir spill. It would be interesting to show this extra flow that occurs in addition to the requirements.

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